

5 April 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Interim Report on the Study of Interdepartmental
Committees of Interest to CIA

1. There is attached hereto (TAB A) a list of the interdepartmental committees divided into two parts: (1) those in which the primary purpose is coordination in the discharge of CIA responsibilities (these have been established by the NSC or under the auspices of CIA); and (2) interdepartmental committees established by the NSC or other agencies in which there is CIA participation for intelligence or security reasons but in which the primary interest is not intelligence or intelligence activities. This list is considered accurate pending what we may uncover on more detailed investigation.

2. The statements received in writing from the various offices in response to our memorandum of 26 February are incomplete for analytical purposes. This office is currently engaged therefore in interviewing CIA representatives on all committees in order to secure information of the nature listed at TAB B. It will be obvious from perusal of TAB B that the answers to some of these points cannot be secured except through interview. We have set as a target early May to complete this detailed survey with recommendations.

3. In the last two months this office has prepared recommendations after extended study on the IAC Watch Committee headed by General [redacted]. A copy of the report and recommendation for action will be submitted in a day or so.

4. O/EC has also been working closely with O/SI in analyzing the difficulties encountered by the Scientific Intelligence Committee and its subcommittees. We are not prepared to make a recommendation on this at this time.

5. The Standing Committee of the IAC was abolished at the meeting of the IAC on 2 April.

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Encl: TAB A & TAB B